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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING DRY EXTRACTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please enter the instant amendment before initial examination.

Cancel claims 1-7, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add the following claims.

8. A process for preparing dry extracts from a liquid extract and at least one additional substance by a spray-drying process, characterized in that said at least one additional substance is added to the spray-drying process in a dry form (during the spray-drying process.)
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9. The process according to claim 8, characterized in that said liquid extract is the extract of a medicinal plant.
10. The process according to claim 8, characterized in that said at least one additional substance is a (galenic) auxiliary agent.
11. The process according to claim 10, characterized in that said auxiliary agent is selected from the group consisting of lactose, maltodextrin, dextrin, dry glucose,

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